GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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SUPPLY OF POWER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to make arrangements with some neighbouring countries for mutual supply of power; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Exchange of power between India and Nepal is continuing since long.As on date, India and Nepal are connected through 20 feeders of 132/33/11 kV as per details given below :-
1. UP and Nepal - 33/11 kV (5 feeders)

2. Uttaranchal and Nepal - 33/11 kV (4 feeders)

3. Bihar and Nepal - 132/33/11 kV (11 feeders)
Exchange of power between India and Nepal could be broadly divided into the following categories :
i. Share of power from bilateral projects viz. Kosi, Gandak, Tanakpur as per treaty between the two countries.
ii. Exchange of power for distribution and supply in the local area adjoining the border on both the sides.
The Government have appointed Power Trading Corporation of India Limited

(PTCIL) as the nodal agency to deal with matters relating to exchange of power betweenIndia and Nepal and efforts are on for increasing exchange of power between the two countries. Exchange of power between India and Bhutan is also in existence.India is importing power from Chukha Hydro-electric Power Project (336 MW) and KurichuHydro-electric Power Project (3x15 MW).The fourth unit of the Kurichu HEP is to becommissioned shortly. India also export power to Bhutan during lean hydro periods. Tala Hydro-electric Power project (1020 MW) is under construction and is scheduled forcommissioning in 2004-05. Considering the load demand in Bhutan, most of the power from this project would be exported to India.
Exchange of power between India and Bangladesh is also being explored.National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is examining the feasibility of setting up a gas-based power plant in Bangladesh using the natural gas available in that country.